

How to Apply

To apply for admission to one of our programs, please submit a completed application form, all required documentation, and fees to the Office of the Registrar.

Apply online: www.unbc.ca/apply/undergraduate

To receive a paper application form please phone 250-960-6300

Application Deadlines

September Semester	August 1
January Semester	December 1

Admission Requirements

Applicants must:

- meet UNBC admission requirements
- submit official transcript(s) from the institution where they received their degree or diploma
- provide evidence of active and continuing registration as a nurse in British Columbia through CRNBC

Fees

Application Fee: \$35.70 non-refundable fee for domestic students (\$76.50 for international students).

Tuition and student fees: For current fees please visit www.unbc.ca/finance/accounts-receivable/fees-unbc.

Textbooks: Please contact the program for textbook costs.



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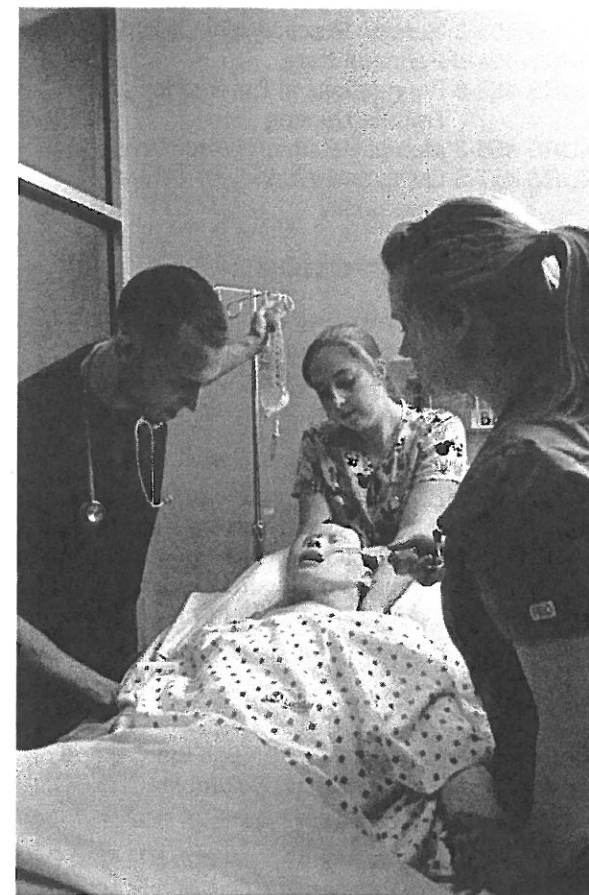
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School of Nursing

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Rural Nursing Certificate & Post-Diploma Programs



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Rural Nursing Certificate

The Rural Nursing Certificate Program (RNCP) provides Registered Nurses with the opportunity to pursue a concentrated program of courses in rural nursing. The Certificate equips students with some of the essential knowledge and clinical skills needed to provide nursing care in rural practice.

It requires successful completion of 30 credit hours.

Certificate Requirements

NURS 451-3 Health Assessment and RN First Call

NURS 452-6 Chronic Disease Management,
Palliative Care and Wound Care

NURS 453-3 Nursing Practice with Older Persons

NURS 454-6 Perinatal Care

NURS 455-6 Foundations in Emergency and
Trauma Nursing

NURS 456-3 Mental Health and Addictions

NURS 457-3 Living and Working in a Rural
Community

BScN Completion

Registered Nurses wishing to pursue the Post-Diploma BScN may do so through successful completion of the Rural Nursing Certificate, plus an additional 15 credit hours, for a total of 45.

Required courses:

STAT 240-3 Basic Statistics, or equivalent

NURS 304-3 Introduction to Nursing Knowledge

NURS 403-3 Introduction to Nursing Research

NURS 408-3 Nursing Leadership

POLS 403-3 Social & Health Policy &
Administration

Certified Practice

RNs may seek certification through the College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) following completion of:

NURS 451-3 Health Assessment and RN First Call

NURS 458-6 Remote Nursing Certified Practice

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to complete the entire program?

No. Students can complete the entire Rural Nursing Certificate, the Post-Diploma BScN, or take individual courses based on training needs.

How many courses can I take each semester?

The Rural Nursing Certificate and the Post-Diploma BScN are designed to be completed on a part-time basis. We recommend 6 credits per semester, but students can increase or decrease the number of credit hours they take, depending on their workload, preference and/or course availability.

How much time will I need to spend on these courses per week?

Students should budget at least 10-12 hours per week for a 3 credit course, and 20-25 hours per week for a 6-credit course (or two 3-credit courses). *People who have not recently participated in university level courses, or who have limited experience working on computers, should budget several more hours per week.*

How are courses delivered?

The theory portion for all of these courses is web-based and facilitated through an online learning management system called Learn (Blackboard).

What do I need to participate?

Access to a computer and reliable internet service are required. You should also have word processing software, preferably Microsoft Word, and the latest versions of Java and Mozilla Firefox. UNBC will offer support to help you become familiar Learn.

Are the courses self-paced?

No. Students must log into their courses on the first day of classes and familiarize themselves with the course schedule, including participation requirements, due dates for assignments, exam dates, and dates for workshops and practica, if applicable.

Are there workshop or practicum components?

Yes. Attending workshops and/or participating in practicum placements is mandatory for successful completion of NURS 451-3, 454-6, 455-6 and 458-6. If enrolled in these courses, you will be required to travel, and take time away from home and work.

Where will I complete my practica?

Individual practicums are arranged by the Clinical Placement Coordinator. The purpose of these practicums is to allow students to consolidate learning in a clinical setting under the guidance and supervision of an experienced Registered Nurse. Students are expected to be available for the duration of the practicum period and are required to travel to the placement site they are assigned, which could be anywhere in the province of BC.

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